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IOWANS PUSH FOR PEACE INSTITUTE

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The president of the Maytag Company, the former chairwoman of the Republican National Committee and a former Iowa governor are among members of a bipartisan group working to bring the U.S. Institute of Peace to their home state.

Congress created the institute last fall when it adopted the Department of Defense Authorization Act, appropriating \$4 million for the project this year and authorizing \$10 million next year.

Preventing war is the institute's primary goal, to be accomplished largely by offering on-going courses in the art of negotiation and conflict resolution.

Other duties will include developing alternative strategies for settling international disputes and maintaining an international communication network to supplement that of the CIA and State Department.

President Reagan is to appoint a 15-member board to run the agency by April 20, but so far the institute doesn't have a home. That's where the Iowans fit it.

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